

Mount Isa Athletics

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As expected Mount Isa was a dominant force at Longreach's Outback Sunset Carnival. A total of 32 Club and Secondary School athletes converged on the town. Sixteen of the athletes were high school students there to vie for selection into the North West Team to compete at the upcoming State Championships. 6 Mount Isa Students proved successful in making the Team of only 8 which will travel to Brisbane on the 20th October. The successful athletes were Adam Farlow – 200m, 400m and 800m, Lachlan Ryder – 100m and 200m, Ben Burke – 100m, 200m and Long Jump, Holly Johnstone – 100m, 200m and 400m, James Sweeney – 100m, 200m and Triple Jump and Daris Marshall – Long Jump and Triple Jump. However the jury is still out on why 15 year old Brianna Smiths' Hammer throw of 40.64m which was 8 metres over the said 32m qualifying distance failed to gain her selection into the team.

13 year old Chelsea Lillis with six gold medals and one silver was assured of the Senior Womens Aged Champion Trophy in convincing fashion.

On the Club front the 26 athletes acquired a total of 115 placings, 59 firsts, 49 seconds and 16 thirds from the 143 events they contested and accumulated 56 PB's in the process. Most impressive was Adam Farlow who managed 5 PB's from his 6 events. Other solid performances were put in by Mia Burke 5 and an equal from 7 events, Dom Johnston 4/5, Mitchell Hujanen 4/6, Ryan Hujanen 5/8, Emma Johnstone 4/7 and Sharon Dickson 3/4.

One of the highlights of the carnival was 7 year old Denzil Perkins shattering the old Carnival Record for the 200m by over half a second. Spectators were discussing with each other on whether or not Perkins could keep up the blistering pace he started the race with. He could with his time of 34.37s setting new Carnival and Club Records in the process. Six other Carnival records were broken by Ken Dickson - Hammer 26.89m, Sharon Dickson – Hammer 25.64m, Paul Smith – Javelin 24.54m, Tony Sweeney - 100m 16.39s and Shot Put 8.01m.

As predicted Club Records took a hammering with twelve new marks being set by Jace Fraser 80m, Trinity Perkins 80m, Denzil Perkins 200m, Adam Farlow 800m, Holly Johnston 400m, Josh Shanks Discus, James Sweeney Javelin, Ken Dickson Hammer and Sharon Dickson Shot Put, Discus, Javelin and Hammer.

At the last Club Day 6 year old Clay Schafer was the stand out performer netting four Legend Certificates on his way to a perfect 5 from 5 PB's. Other Legend recipients from the day were 5 year old Roy Hines and 7 year old Bryleah Cullen. Top Tot of the day was awarded to Bonner Lamberth for his efforts in Javelin and the 60m. Denzil Perkins also snared the long standing 100m Club Record with a time of 16.7s.

The Club will now settle back into its final three Club days of the year from this Saturday 27th August. Following the end of season will be the ANQ North Queensland Championships in

CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval
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Townsville on the 23rd, 24th & 25th September. The Club season will then culminate on the 15th October with the Break-Up and Presentation Day at the Tony White Oval.